Nyack Public Schools is hoping to address the concerns of local residents and business owners regarding the future of the athletic fields located at the Old Nyack High School. We believe the following questions and answers will provide complete and accurate information regarding the district-owned space.

Q: I’ve heard that the athletic fields at the Old Nyack High School are being sold to Montefiore Nyack Hospital. Is this true?
A: This statement is NOT true. The Board of Education and Montefiore Nyack Hospital are discussing possible use of a portion of the baseball field for temporary parking. There are no plans for Montefiore Nyack to acquire this property.

Q: Why does the hospital need to use this field for parking?
A: Representatives from Montefiore Nyack Hospital attended the public portion of the January 15, 2019 Board of Education meeting to request use of the field on the grounds of the Old High School for use as a temporary parking lot. Hospital representatives explained that parking in the vicinity of the facility has been a longstanding problem for residents, visitors and employees. In an effort to improve the street parking situation the Hospital would like to construct a state-of-the-art and environmentally viable new parking garage. The garage would be located solely on the Hospital campus and is planned to accommodate Hospital visitors, employees and others. During the time of the 12-18 month construction period, the Hospital requested use of the nearby field to set up a temporary parking lot for patient and visitor parking.

Q: What portion of the field is under consideration for use by the hospital?
A: The area proposed as a temporary parking lot is the smaller field on the grounds of the Old High School located at 131 North Midland Avenue. The area has a small softball field.

Q: What is the timeframe for use of the field for parking, should the Board of Education enter an agreement?
A: The term of the agreement under discussion would be for a period of not less than one (1) year and up to eighteen (18) months. While not anticipated, there would be a significant fee increase during any extended term of the agreement not to exceed six (6) months. Under no circumstance would the term of the agreement be extended beyond this timeframe.

Q: Will the field be restored back to a grass field?
A: At the end of the term of the agreement, the hospital would return area to the District in substantially the same condition it was prior to the agreement.

Q: What is the benefit to Nyack Public Schools?
A: During the period of construction for the parking garage, Montefiore Nyack Hospital will pay a license fee and monthly payments for the use of this field.

Q: What are the safety and security plans for the temporary parking lot?
A: Montefiore Nyack Hospital will be responsible for the installation of fencing during construction, as well as the installation and maintenance of security fencing around the perimeter of the temporary, paved parking area.